
MEDIA ADVISORY ICOC to Discuss Intellectual Property and Administrative Policies for Training Grants

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA – On Tuesday (10/6/05), the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) for the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) will meet in Duarte to deliberate two key policies governing its training grants.

WHO: Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee

WHAT: Members of the ICOC will consider a report from the IP Task Force Subcommittee and discuss the Interim IP Policy and Interim Grant Administration Policy for CIRM's Training Grants. Additionally, members will consider the formation of a Strategic Planning Subcommittee.

The ICOC will also hear a special presentation on existing and future stem cell-based approaches for treating blood cancers – such as leukemia and lymphoma – at the beginning of the meeting. Presenters will include Stephen J. Forman, MD, of the City of Hope Cancer Center and cancer survivors Anissa Ayala and Mushtaque Jivani.

WHEN: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:30 AM – 5:30 PM (Estimated)

WHERE: City of Hope
Cooper Auditorium
1500 E. Duarte Road
Duarte, CA 91010

WHY: The ICOC is responsible for the oversight and management of the CIRM, which was established in 2004 with the passage of Proposition 71, the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative. The statewide ballot measure, which provided \$3 billion in funding for stem cell research at California universities and research institutions, was approved by California voters, and called for the establishment of an entity to make grants and provide loans for stem cell research, research facilities, and other vital research opportunities.

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